



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor
John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
NORTH DAKOTA DROUGHT EMERGENCY
JULY 1, 2002, UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

WHEREAS, on the basis of initial assessment reports from state, tribal and local emergency management; agricultural, appointed and elected officials regarding extreme drought conditions that have and continue to occur, and the adverse impact of those conditions on livestock feed supplies, emergence and production of grains, and agribusiness economy throughout much of North Dakota, a drought emergency exists within the State; and

WHEREAS, dry conditions in areas of high fuel content (foliage) have contributed to an increased rural fire danger this spring and summer; and

WHEREAS, the losses have and will continue to pose direct economic hardships to both livestock and grain producers in the areas directly affected by the drought; and

WHEREAS, financial losses to agricultural related businesses, the recreation industry, and other business and private losses will also constitute a serious economic hardship throughout the entire state; and

WHEREAS, the most critical conditions, subjected to further deterioration exist in Adams, Barnes, Bowman, Burleigh, Dickey, Emmons, Grant, Hettinger, Kidder, LaMoure, Logan, McIntosh, Morton, Oliver, Pierce, Ransom, Sargent, Sioux, Slope and Stutsman counties; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby proclaim a "drought emergency" for the state of North Dakota. Pursuant to the provisions of the North Dakota Disaster Act of 1985, as amended (Chapter 37.17.1, North Dakota Century Code), this proclamation, and the executive orders or regulations that may be issued to implement this proclamation to mitigate losses resulting from the continuation of this drought disaster, shall have the force and effect of law.

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John Hoeven
Governor

ATTEST:

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Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State
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